The Humble Addreſs, and hearty Deſires of the Gentlemen, Miniſters and Free-holders of the County of NORTHAMPTON.

Preſented to his Excellency the Lord General MONK, *at his arrival at* Northampton, *January* 24. 1659.

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WEE the Gentlemen, Miniſters and Free-holders of the County of *Northampton*, humbly conceiving that the firſt Force put upon the Parliament hath been an Encouragement to open the way to all the reſt; and finding that your Excellencie under God hath been the principal means for the repairing of the laſt Interruption, are the more encouraged, and (having the conveniency of your preſence now amongſt us) to deſire your aſſiſtance in the procuring theſe our juſt Deſires, as the viſible means of a happy Peace and Settlement of theſe Nations.

I. That whereas every free-born Subject of *England* is ſuppoſed to be preſent in Parliament by the Knights and Burgeſſes of the place where he liveth, and thereby is preſumed to conſent to all things that paſs in Parliament; So it is now, that there is not one Knight for all the Counties in *Wales*, nor for divers Counties in *England*, and ſome of them the largeſt in *England*, as that of *York*-ſhire.

II. That no free-born Subject of *England* may have any Taxes levied upon him, without his conſent in Parliament.

III. To that End, that all vacant places may be ſupplied, whether they became vacant by Death, or Secluſion; and that thoſe that were ſecluded by force in the year 1648. may ſit again; and that no previous Oath or Engagement may be put upon any that is choſen by his Countrey to ſit and Vote freely in Parliament.

IV. That the Fundamental Laws of *England*, the Priviledges of Parliament, the Liberty of the Subject, and the Property of Goods, may be aſſerted and defended, according to the firſt Declarations of the Parliament, when they undertook the War.

V. That the true Proteſtant Religion may be profeſſed and defended, all Hereſies, Sects and Schiſmes diſcountenanced and ſuppreſſed, a lawfull ſucceſſion of Godly and Able Miniſters continued and encouraged, and the two Univerſities, and all Colledges in both of them, may be preſerved and countenanced.

VI. That all the Souldiery that will acquieſce in the Judgment of a free and full Parliament, in the promoting and ſetling a happy Peace upon thoſe Foundations, may have their Arrears paid, and as many of them as the Parliament ſhall think neceſſary, may be continued in the publick Service; and that as many of them as have been Purchaſers of Lands from the Parliament, may either enjoy their Bargains, or their Money paid back with Intereſt, and ſome conſiderable Advantage over and above, for their ſatisfactions, as the Parliament ſhall judge expedient for the publick good of the Nation.

This Addreſs was prepared by the Gentlemen, &c. aboveſaid, to be preſented to General Monk, *at his entrance into* Northampton.